

LESSONS 11 AND 12

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A Choosing the Best Definition

Answer line, write the letter of the best definition of the italicized word.

His reports were filled with stories of the star's *audacious* behavior throughout concert tour.

a. compassionate
b. bold

c. contemptuous
d. inconsistent

1. _____

The employee's *contumacy* made his eventual firing predictable and inevitable. Lack of vital knowledge
a. inefficiency

c. stubborn rebelliousness
d. laziness

2. _____

The king had one trusted advisor whom he valued more than all of the many *equivocal* courtiers in the palace.

a. eager to win favor
b. old-fashioned

c. noble; high-born
d. dishonest

3. _____

Most toddlers seem to have an *insatiable* desire to play peek-a-boo. Unborn
a. unable to be satisfied

c. unexplained
d. tiresome; annoying

4. _____

The interior of the warehouse was cold and *austere*, but highly functional and organized. Run-down
a. filthy

c. dark
d. stark

5. _____

At the end of the first week of school, Yossi was *inundated* with work. Involved
a. overwhelmed

c. bored
d. excited

6. _____

The retired coach was a *florid*, heavysset man with a loud voice and a strong handshake. Talkative
a. critical

c. flushed
d. vulgar

7. _____

As a wedding planner, Kalila must attend to a *myriad* of details for each event. Huge number
a. approved type

c. small amount
d. checklist

8. _____

Shanda stood facing the closed door, *irresolute*, wondering whether she should knock, ring the bell, or just leave. Worried
a. undecided

c. embarrassed
d. curious

9. _____

With a *stoic* expression on his face, the defendant listened as the verdict was read. Indifferent to emotion
a. incredulous

c. deep in thought
d. bitter

10. _____

TEST: LESSONS 13 AND 14

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Part A Choosing the Best Definition

On the answer line, write the letter of the best definition of the italicized word.

1. Lucia attempted to *redress* her oversight by working all weekend.
a. keep secret c. explain
b. make up for d. forget
1. _____
2. Nelson Mandela protested the *iniquity* of apartheid in South Africa.
a. rivalry c. greed
b. uncertainty d. wickedness
2. _____
3. Harrison *adduced* family letters and diaries in his effort to prove that an ancestor had been on the *Mayflower*.
a. cited as proof c. searched for
b. relied upon d. displayed
3. _____
4. Preserving our forests while satisfying the demands of the logging industry is a *conundrum* for policymakers.
a. campaign promise c. obligation or duty
b. self-contradictory problem d. something that recurs in cycles
4. _____
5. Her client's refusal to discuss his whereabouts on the night of the crime *confounded* the attorney.
a. caused regret c. shocked
b. infuriated d. perplexed
5. _____
6. False advertising, although *reprehensible*, has become a common practice.
a. illegal c. obvious
b. blameworthy d. misleading
6. _____
7. If you make a mistake, don't *equivocate*; just accept responsibility for your actions.
a. back down c. search around
b. be agreeable d. be evasive
7. _____
8. The mayor was *vindicated* by the commission's inquiry into his financial dealings.
a. cleared of blame c. treated with mercy
b. cited as an example d. judged wrong
8. _____
9. Empathy and *perspicacity* are both useful and necessary qualities for a school guidance counselor to have.
a. sympathy c. optimism
b. shrewdness d. honesty
9. _____
10. In order to take this course, you need to have a *rudimentary* understanding of chemistry.
a. thorough c. basic
b. required d. previous
10. _____

TEST: LESSONS 15 AND 16

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Part A Choosing the Best Definition

On the answer line, write the letter of the best definition of the italicized word.

1. Anthony repeated the lab experiment after his chemistry teacher questioned the *aberrant* results.

a. inaccurate c. mediocre
b. deviating from expectations d. difficult to understand
2. The builder plans to *raze* the supermarket and replace it with an apartment building.

a. restore c. purchase
b. open d. tear down
3. The president's baseball cap seemed amusingly *incongruous* with his dark suit, formal tie, and well shined shoes.

a. lighthearted c. incompatible
b. youthful d. creative
4. With hard work, this company can *surmount* the problems caused by the recent bad publicity and emerge as an industry leader.

a. overcome c. destroy
b. prove false d. hush up
5. An *unwonted* hush fell over the class when the teacher walked into the room.

a. awkward c. suspenseful
b. uncommon d. humorous
6. A group of wealthy investors bought enough stock to *wrest* control of the company.

a. dissolve c. obtain by force
b. plunder d. rise to the top of
7. Many people do not realize it, but quite a few common household cleaners are *caustic*.

a. exactly the same c. cruelly sarcastic
b. easy to make d. burning and corrosive
8. This dry weather will have a *deleterious* effect on my vegetable garden.

a. unavoidable c. widespread
b. harmful d. promising
9. Although your job consists of a lot of *mundane* clerical tasks, if you are reliable and accurate, you'll soon be promoted.

a. ordinary c. difficult
b. numerical d. vital
10. Noting an *anomaly* in the column of figures, the accountant decided to recheck the math.

a. decrease c. exaggeration
b. departure from the normal d. obvious mistake